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SUBJ: ARREST SITUATION

REF: LISBON 1513 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: PACE OF ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH MARCH 11 COUP HAS SLACKENED. MOST OF RECENT ARRESTS ARE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL GUARD (GNR) MEMBERS, OTHERS MILITARY. THREE MEMBERS OF PROMINENT ESPIRITO SANTO FAMILY REARRESTED. MORE RELEASES REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

1. TWENTY NEW ARRESTS OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN MARCH 11 COUP ATTEMPT HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED, MOST OF WHOM ARE OFFICIALS OF THE GNR:

(GNR) 2ND SGT. ANTONIO FARINHA DIONISIO ALVES

(GNR) PRIVATE JOSE ROSENDO PRATAS CALADO

(GNR) PRIVATE ANTONIO JOAQUIM CARRILHO

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(GNR) 2ND LT. ANTONIO FARIAS DE CARVALHO

(NAVY) "ASPIRANTE" ANTONIO JOAQUIM AREIAS DE CARVALHO  
(NAVY) 2ND LT. MANUEL MARIA PERALTA DE CASTRO CENTENO  
(ARMY) 2ND LT. RUI DA CONCEICAO SOBRAL COSTA  
(GNR) 2ND CORPORAL JOSE FLORIVAL GOMES  
(GNR) 1ST SGT. ANTONIO RAMOS LOPES  
(CIVILIAN) MANUEL JOSE MADEIRA  
(GNR) PRIVATE MARTINHO SOUSA MERENCIO  
(GNR) PRIVATE ANTONIO MARVANEJO MIRANDA  
(GNR) 2ND SGT. ANTONIO MENDES MONTEIRO  
(GNR) PRIVATE JOSE ANASTACIO NUNES  
(NAVY) CAPTAIN HEITOR PRUDENCIO DOS SANTOS PATRICIO  
(GNR) CAPTAIN ARMINDO FERNANDES PEREIRA  
(NAVY) 2ND LT. LUIS ANTONIO RODRIGUES DE QUEIROS  
(GNR) 1ST CORPORAL JOAO QUITERES DOS SANTOS  
(GNR) 1ST CORPORAL CANDODO JOSE TEIXEIRA  
(GNR) CAPTAIN ARMANDO JOSE ABRANTES VIANA

2. THREE MEMBERS OF PROMINENT ESPIRITO SANTO BANKING FAMILY,  
AMONG ORIGINAL GROUP OF PERSONS ARRESTED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY  
RELEASED WHEN GOVT DETERMINED THEY HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED IN  
LEGAL MANNER, REPORTEDLY HAVE NOW BEEN REARRESTED:

BERNARDO MANUEL PINHEIRO ESPIRITO SANTO SILVA  
CARLOS ANTONIO ESPIRITO SANTO SILVA DE MELO  
MANUEL RICARDO PINHEIRO ESPIRITO SANTO SILVA

3. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME RELEASES ARE BEING  
EFFECTED, ALTHOUGH IF POST-SEPTEMBER 28 PATTERN HOLDS MOST OF  
THESE WILL COME ABOUT PIECEMEAL AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY. BOTH  
AMCITS ARRESTED HAVE BEEN FREED, SUBSEQUENT TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS; ONE BRAZILIAN (DIMAS NARI BOTELHO) HAS BEEN RELEASED  
IN SIMILAR FASHION; MEMBER OF NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF POST AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS UNION (JOAO BARRADAS) WAS FREED AFTER  
HIS UNION PROTESTED.  
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